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SUBJECT : House Select Committee Request
(Use of Polygraph)

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25X1A 1. Reference is made to a 6 November 1975 request from Ms. Sandra A. Zeune, House Select Committee Staff (Review Staff 75-3404), a portion of which relates to the Office of Security's use of the polygraph. Reference is further made to subsequent conversations between Ms. Zeune and Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] during which Ms. Zeune clarified the nature of her request concerning the use of the polygraph.

2. Specifically, during Ms. Zeune's clarification of her request, she indicated that the House Select Committee is interested in information relating to the manner in which the Agency controls and manages the use of the polygraph as it relates to staff employees of the Agency. The control and management of the polygraph program for staff and staff-type Agency employees is the responsibility of the Director of Security. This control extends to polygraph examinations of staff employees both domestically and abroad.

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4. With respect to the Agency's stringent security standards for its employees, the Office of Security conducted a routine repolygraph program from the mid-1950's through approximately 1966, in connection with the overall reinvestigation program. In 1966 the repolygraph portion of the reinvestigation program was severely curtailed due to heavy operational requirements world-wide, especially with regard to Southeast Asia. Conditions have now stabilized and the periodic repolygraph program is being resumed.

5. It should be noted that the above outline of the Agency's polygraph program relates only to those individuals who are to have staff-type access to classified Agency information and does not address the polygraph program with regard to its use on operational assets in pursuance of the Agency's foreign intelligence missions.

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